Year	Indian	Pak	Bangladesh	Afghan	Others
1997	2557 (including 276 Pak trained)	08	01	10	—
1998 (till date)	1293 (including 109 Pak trained)	12	—	01	—

(d) Government is taking all necessary steps to combat and frustrate the designs of ISI by sensitising and gearing up the intelligence machinery, sharing of intelligence and coordinated action by concerned Central and State Agencies. The Police and intelligence organisations are under instructions to neutralise Pak ISI modules and activities in all parts of the country whenever and wherever these come to notice. Government have taken several steps which include border fencing, intensification of border patrolling, supply of equipments for effective observations during day and night, increase in number of Nakas as well as sensitising and alerting the State Governments regarding movement of Pak ISI agents, anti-national elements and insurgents.

For exercising adequate surveillance on infiltration and checking anti-national activities in coastal areas, Joint Coastal Patrolling by Customs, Police and Navy is conducted. District level co-ordination meetings are also held every month to share intelligence and improve security measures and where required, additional Police/Para Military Force is posted and patrolling is intensified.

Cadre Review of the Teaching Staff of RIMS, Imphal

1131. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cadre review of the teaching staff of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Lampheloat, Imphal, has remained pending since long; and

(b) if so, by when it will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) A proposal for creation of 56 posts has been received in this Ministry from the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal. The matter is under active consideration of the Government. A decision in the matter will be taken expeditiously.

Rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits

1132. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken fresh initiatives for time bound rehabilitation of Kashmiri pandits in Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action plan for the current year;

(c) the estimated number of Kashmiri pandits to be settled in Kashmir and details of package worked out for them; and

(d) the detailed financial implications of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) There are about 50,000 Kashmiri migrant families staying in Jammu Division of J&K, Delhi and other parts of the country. With a view to ensure their safe and honourable return to their native places in the Valley the State Government have constituted a Sub-Committee of Ministers of Revenue, Law, Finance and Tourism to examine the whole issue and make recommendations. The Committee has not yet finalised its report.

Meanwhile, the State Government is taking confidence building measures to facilitate smooth return of the migrants.

Scrapping of IMDT Act, 1983

1133. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to scrap Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 which is considered as a hurdle in the process of identifying and deporting foreign nationals;

(b) if so, the details facts of the matter along with changes proposed; if any;

(c) the estimated number of foreign nationals staying illegally in India; and

(d) the details of initiatives taken/proposed to streamline the regulatory mechanism to check the illegal inflow of foreign nationals in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Government of Assam has recommended repeal of the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983. The matter is under consideration of Central Government.

(c) It is difficult to speak in terms of any precise numbers, because illegal infiltrators enter India surreptitiously and mix with the local population due to their ethnic, linguistic similarities. Detection and deportation of illegal infiltrators from this country is a continuous process.

(d) A series of measures have been taken by Government of India to curb problem of infiltration into India. These measures include, interalia raising of additional battalions of Border Security Force, reducing gaps between the border outposts, fencing and flood lighting along the border, patrolling and surveillance of the coastal area etc.

Taliban Forces in Jammu and Kashmir

1134. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Taliban forces for Afghanistan have entered Jammu and Kashmir in any substantial number;

(b) the identity of other alien elements who have infiltrated into the Kashmir valley; and

(c) whether there is not sufficient evidence of the hand of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency behind such infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir. No evidence has come to notice in this regard.

(b) Foreign mercenaries infiltrated into J&K mainly include Pakistanis, residents of POK, Afghans, and a few from Sudan, Yemen, Lebanon, Behrain, Egypt, Chechinia, Bosnia, Algeria and Libya.

(c) No such evidence has come to notice.

Policy Regarding Functioning of Banquet Halls in Delhi

1135. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating formulation of a policy with regard to the functioning of Banquet halls in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of such guidelines the Banquet hall on main Pusa Road, New Delhi is flourishing in a big way; and

(c) if so, steps taken by Government to stop the use of Banquet hall on Pusa Road?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) The Lt. Governor of the National Capital Territory of Delhi had constituted a study group for formulating draft regulations for Banquet Halls in Delhi with a view to provide guidelines for dealing with the